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From the Library Director, Benjamin Schapiro

Best wishes for the holidays and 2007 from the Board and staff of the Morton Grove Public Library. This past year has been filled with activities and accomplishments, some of which are pictured here. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who so generously give their time to help with Library tasks, to those who donate books for the collection and for the book sale, and to all who use the Library's services. Looking ahead to the New Year:

Remodeling project will enhance Library services. We have just begun a remodeling project which will create more space for additional public computers and an expanded Reference

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NEW @ MGPL!

Video Games: Beginning December 1, you can check out video games in Playstation 2 format! This collection includes: *Gran Turismo 4; Kingdom Hearts II, NCAA Football 07, NHL 06, Pirates of the Caribbean, X-Men: The Official Game, Ice Age 2, Cars, Hot Wheels Stunt Track* and many more. Plus, new games will be added in 2007.

TumbleBooks Library: MGPL now has a subscription to TumbleBooks Library, an e-book format for picture books and classic chapter books for children. Children may choose to read books in English, Chinese, French or Spanish; some have an audio version. Go to: www.webrary.org/kids and look for the jumping TumbleBook.

AskAway: Check the Library's website for a link to AskAway, a new 24-hour, instant messaging-based cooperative reference service of Illinois and Wisconsin libraries. Get reliable answers from a professional librarian – anytime, day or night! Go to MGPL's home page (www.webrary.org) and click on AskAway.

MyMediaMall now has videos! Digital books and videos can be downloaded to a personal computer and enjoyed anywhere, anytime on a wide range of portable devices, including MP3 players, pocket PCs, Smartphones, PDAs and CDs. The new video downloads include children's programs, documentaries, travel series, and more! Go to the Library's home page to get started: www.webrary.org.

E-notices: Sign up at the Check-out Desk or at e-notices.webrary.org to receive library notices in your e-mail: pre-due reminders, reserve notices and overdue notices.

Computer Classes

Using the Internet for Genealogical Research

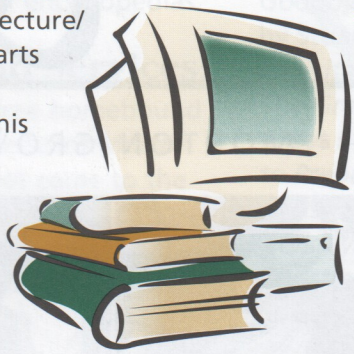
Sat., Nov. 4, 2 pm

Learn how to search the Internet for information about your family tree when Colleen Ringel, Reference/ Electronic Resources Librarian and expert on genealogical searches, presents a lecture/demonstration on some of the most popular genealogy Web sites. Note: this is not a hands-on class. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Tips & Tricks Using Microsoft Word: A Class in Two Parts

Tues., Nov. 14, 7 pm
Wed., Nov. 15, 7 pm

Jennifer Didier, of Directions Training, will present a lecture/ demonstration in two parts on tips and tricks using Microsoft Word. Note: this is not a hands-on class. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101, or sign up at the Reference Services Desk.



Tips & Tricks Using Excel

Tues., Dec. 5, 7 pm
Wed., Dec. 6, 7 pm

Jennifer Didier of Directions Training will present a lecture/ demonstration of tips and tricks for data management and spreadsheet techniques in Excel. Note: this is not a hands-on class. Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or sign up at the Reference Services Desk.

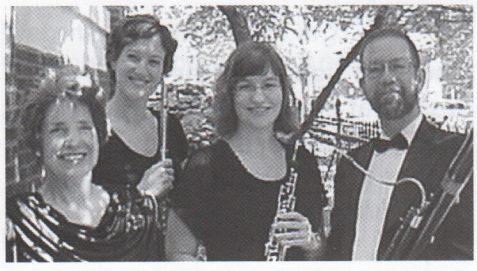
Getting Started: Searching for Your Ancestors

Sat., Nov. 4, 10 am

Learn about pedigree charts, family group sheets, and where to begin researching for vital records of your ancestors. Colleen Ringel, Reference/ Electronic Resources Librarian at MGPL and expert genealogical researcher, will explain the first steps in climbing your family tree. Registration is required; please call 847-929-5101.

From Baroque to Jazz: An Eclectic Concert by the Bel Sonore Ensemble

Sun., Nov. 19, 2 pm

Bel Sonore originated in New York City and is now performing at many venues throughout Chicagoland. The Ensemble's repertoire ranges from the baroque era music of Bach and Handel to the classical music of Mozart and the jazz standards of Ellington and Gershwin. Join us for an eclectic concert featuring a vocalist, flute, oboe, and bassoon.

Holiday Concert

Sun., Dec. 17, 2 pm

Janis Fine and Jeff Winter perform a lively and engaging variety of Jewish, Israeli, Yiddish and American music including standards and show tunes in cabaret style. Join us for an entertaining concert of music and background information about their songs and the instruments they use.

The Winter Sky: What's Hot in Space News?

Mon., Dec. 18, 7 pm

John Vittallo and Jim Kovac, NASA/ JPL Solar System Ambassadors will present an illustrated discussion of the findings of the Cassini-Huygens Mission to Saturn, the debate over the planetary status of Pluto, and other space news.

Once On This Island, A Musical

Sat., Dec. 16, 2 pm

Virtuoso Performing Arts presents this Caribbean adaptation of the popular fairy tale, *The Little Mermaid* and the novel *My Love, My Love* by Rosa Guy. A large cast brings to life the story of a peasant girl, Ti Moune, and Daniel, the boy she loves, on a quest against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred, and death.

Illinois Women and the Winning of Women's Suffrage

Sun., Nov. 5, 2 pm

Illinois was the first state east of the Mississippi to grant women presidential suffrage, one of the first states to pass a significant suffrage bill, and the first state to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment. Who were the women behind these victories? Historian and actress Leslie Goddard portrays five Illinois suffragists: Civil War activist Mary Livermore, temperance reformer Frances Willard, lawyer Catharine Waugh McCullough, anti-lynching crusader Ida B. Wells-Barnett, and clubwoman Grace Wilbur Trout.

Babysitting Basics: A Workshop in Two Parts

Tues., Nov. 7, 3:45-5 pm
Wed., Nov. 8, 3:45-5 pm

This workshop helps to prepare babysitters for the responsibilities of caring for young children. Morton Grove students age 12 and over are eligible to sign up for this workshop. Class size is limited to 15 participants. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified if there is space available. Please call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Brazil

Sun., Nov. 12, 2 pm

Sara and Herbert Drower will highlight the crafts, festivals, architecture and culture of some of the cities of Brazil. Sara Drower's original fabric art will be exhibited in the Baxter Room through November.

Appetizers for Entertaining

Sat., Nov. 18, 10 am

Morton Grove's own Nancy Watson of Cook, Inc., will demonstrate how to make delicious appetizers for special occasions. Come and taste test such delectable delights as: stuffed veggies, steak pinwheels, lettuce wraps, pesto cheese torta, aged manchego cheese with quince paste, and more! Registration is required; call 847-929-5101 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Around the World in 60 Minutes: A Journey to Sacred Places on Six Continents

Mon., Dec. 4, 7 pm

Bill Helmuth, a corporate nomad, has lived on four continents, visited more than 100 countries and traveled 4 million miles. In this program of sacred places and natural wonders, he'll show you architectural treasures, intimate shrines, and religious rites and festivals respresenting the heritages of Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and Ba'hai.

Let's Talk about It!

Wed., Nov. 29, 7 pm

MGPL Director Ben Schapiro will discuss the latest developments at the Library and plans for the future.

Travel to Scotland

Tues., Nov. 14, 11:30 am

What are the plaide, tossing the caber, rumbledethumps, a Black House, and a doocot? Sample the highlights of Scotland – its food, architecture, history and culture. Learn about the construction of a kilt and a thatch roof.

Singout: The Skokie Concert Choir

Sun., Dec. 3, 2 pm

Formerly known as the Skokie Community Chorus, this group has about fifty members of all ages who perform a variety of music, including popular and show tunes, classical choral works, American folk music, spirituals and patriotic music.

Book Talk: *The Merchant of Power*

Tues., Dec. 5, 11:30 am

John Wasik is the author of numerous books about investing and retirement planning. Join us when he discusses his most recent book about Sam Insull, the founder of Commonwealth Edison.

Make a Paper Flower Wreath

Mon., Dec. 11, 7 pm

Multi-talented Anne Hampton will show you how to make a fabulous newspaper flower wreath. Pick up a supply list at the Library.

Wired Teen Zone

http://mgplteenzone.blogspot.com/
Check out the Teen Zone blog for Library news, happenings, and to post your comments.

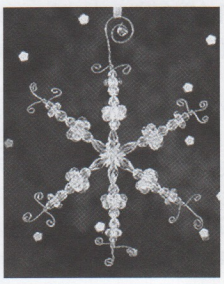
Read, Eat, And Discuss: Teen Book Club
Thurs., Nov. 2, 7-8:30 pm
The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer

Thurs., Dec. 7, 7-8:30 pm
The Haunting of Alaizabel Cray by Chris Wooding

Teen Library Council (TLC)
Mon., Nov. 6, 7-8:30 pm
If you are interested in brainstorming and planning teen events at the Library, join us at the next TLC meeting. The TLC is a great way to meet new friends, get involved in the community, earn volunteer service hours, and share your opinions on how the Library can best serve teens.

DanceDanceRevolution Competition! Sat., Nov. 18, 1-4 pm
The MGPL DDR Team will be competing with DDR teams from other local libraries. Join us for DDR, snacks, a trophy for the winning team and lots of laughs! Sign up at the Reference Services Desk or call 847-929-5101.

Teen Crafts: Beaded Snowflake Ornaments
Sat., Dec. 2, 11 am - 12:30 pm
Make a beaded snowflake ornament that is perfect for window decorations, holiday decor, winter gifts, or to wear.



Teen Movie Night
Thurs., Dec. 14, 6:30 pm
Pirates of the Caribbean 2: Dead Man's Chest (2006, PG-13, 150 min.)

Read to Succeed Winter Reading Program

Beginning Nov. 6, register for our 20-week Winter Reading program (11/13/06 – 4/1/07). Children may earn $20 which may be used to order items from our special catalog just for reading and recording their reading minutes. New this year: a contest to see which class from participating schools can read the most (in minutes). Winners will be treated to pizza and prizes for their whole classroom!

CSI: Creative Science Investigators

Thurs., 11/9; 11/30; 12/14; 12/28; 4:30-5:30, Grades 2-6. Drop-in but limited to 15 children.

Learn what fun science can be by joining MGPL staffer and science teacher Robina Button for this educational class.

Celebrate Reading... FAMILY STYLE!

Family Reading Night Sponsored by the Illinois State Library

Thurs., Nov. 16, 6:30 pm

Join families across the state to celebrate family literacy. Guest readers will be sharing their favorites stories. Learn about the English as a Second Language (ESL) materials available in the Library, and finish up the evening at an ice-cream social. Call 847-929-5102 to register.

Winter Wonderland

Thurs., Dec. 7, 6:30 pm

Join us for everything winter – stories, games, crafts, birdseed treat, hot chocolate and a "snowball" treat.

Campanella Children's Choir

Sat., Dec. 9, 2 pm

"Campanella" is a Russian community choir founded in 2000. The choristers, ages 6 to 12 years, sing a wide variety of international music from classical, folk and popular song collections by American and European composers.

Read to Lucy, A Delta Society Companion Dog

Mondays, Nov. 6-27, 6-7 pm

Children in grades 1-3 are invited to discover the joy of reading aloud and improve their confidence by sharing stories with a trained therapy dog. Each reader will have 10 minutes of Lucy's attention. Children may bring their own book or choose something from the library. Call the Youth Services Desk at 847-929-5102 for an appointment.

Emerald City Theatre presents: The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fair(l)y (Stoopid) Tales

Fri., Nov. 10, 2 pm

This wonderful musical version of the award winning book by Jon Scieszka & Lane Smith takes a silly look at all of the fairy tales we know and love. The usual stories of Cinderella, Rumplestiltskin, and other classic tales are twisted into funny new stories like "Cinderumplestiltskin or the Girl Who Really Blew It," or "The REALLY Ugly Duckling," and of course, "The Stinky Cheese Man."

Sing a Story to Me

Sat., Dec. 2, 11 am

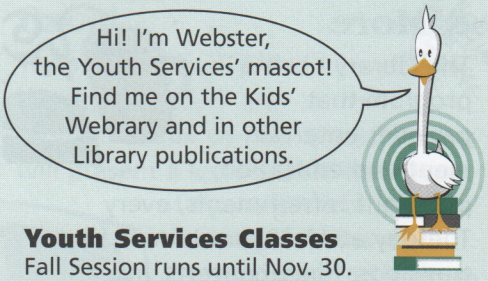
This special story time for children of all ages will highlight the wonderful picture books that are based on songs. Hear the music, the story and do a special activity. Winter and holiday books will be featured.

Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles

Fri., Dec. 29, 2 pm

This program is an up-close experience with reptiles and amphibians from around the world. Audience members are encouraged to touch and sometimes feed the animals under close supervision. The whole family will enjoy seeing these unusual animals and learning all about their habitats and behavior.

CALENDAR



Youth Services Classes
Fall Session runs until Nov. 30. Registration is required for the following classes; call 847-929-5102.

Library Playtime
2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers
Thursdays, 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3 – Kindergarten
Wednesdays, 10:30 am and Thursdays, 1 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades K, 1, and 2; Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Class limit – 12

Drop-In Classes

Knitting Club
Mondays, 4-5 pm
No registration required. Bring a project or learn a new one. Ages 6 and up.

Listen Up!
Drop-in storytime for preschool children and their caregivers. Tuesdays at 10 am. Children hear stories and songs, interact in a group and do a craft.

Family Chess
Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. Beginners and experienced players of all ages are welcome.

Wee Read Lapsit Program
For ages 0 – 24 months. Hear songs and stories and enjoy playtime every Friday at 11 am. Also offered on Saturday, Nov. 25 and Dec. 23, at 11 am

Drama Club,
1st and 3rd Fridays, 4-5 pm
Ages 6–12. Learn to love acting and meet new friends with fun-filled activities.

Kidz Kartoonz
Over the Hedge (2006, PG, 83 min.)
Fri., Nov. 10, 11 am – Special time for Veteran's Day holiday
Ice Age: The Meltdown (2006, PG, 91 min.)
Fri., Dec. 8, 4 pm

Crafty Saturday
Nov. 11 and Dec. 9, 10 am-4 pm (while supplies last) – Make a seasonal fun craft. Note: Children under eight may need parental supervision.

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Movies, Munchies & More

The Library hosts a program that provides entertainment and education, plus light refreshments, every Tuesday at 11:30 am. Join us for travelogs, films, concerts, live presentations, and more. You can bring your lunch or just enjoy coffee and munchies. Call 847-929-5101 for details. Upcoming special events include:

TRAVEL TO SCOTLAND WITH MYRLA BRAND
Tues., Nov. 14, 11:30 am

FILM: *WHAT'S COOKING?*
(2000, PG-13, 109 min.)
Tues., Nov. 21, 11:30 am

AUTHOR TALK: *THE MERCHANT OF POWER* BY JOHN WASIK
Tues., Dec. 5, 11:30 am

FILM: *THANK YOU FOR SMOKING*
(2006, R, 92 min.)
Tues., Dec. 12, 11:30 am

FILMS

For additional information about these films, please pick up a flyer at the Library or inquire at the Reference Services Desk.

FEATURE FILMS

Prairie Home Companion
(2006, PG-13, 105 min.)
Thurs., Nov. 16, 2 & 7 pm

The Da Vinci Code
(2006, PG-13, 149 min.)
Thurs., Dec. 21, 2 & 7 pm

KIDZ KARTOONZ

Over the Hedge (2006, PG, 83 min.)
Fri., Nov. 10, 11 am

Ice Age: The Meltdown
(2006, PG, 91 min.)
Fri., Dec. 8, 4 pm

FAMILY & TEEN

Take the Lead (2006, PG-13, 118 min.)
Sun., Nov. 26, 2 pm

Eight Below (2006, PG, 120 min.)
Sun., Dec. 10, 2 pm

Pirates of Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006, PG-13, 150 min.)
Thurs., Dec. 14, 6:30 pm

WEEKDAY MATINEES

To Have and Have Not
(1944, NR, 100 min., B & W)
Thurs., Nov. 9, 2 pm

Home for the Holidays
Mon., Nov. 13, 2 pm

What's Cooking?
(2000, PG-13, 109 min.)
Tues., Nov. 21, 11:30 am

Thank You for Smoking
(2006, R, 92 min.)
Tues., Dec. 12, 11:30 am

From the Director, continued from front page:

Services Desk, and improve access to the Reference/Magazine Room. New wall and floor coverings will help reduce noise. By consolidating personnel into a new staff workroom, we'll be able to create a new Youth Services activity room for classes and story times and a new medium-sized meeting room on the second floor.

This project has been planned for over two years and the final budget and design decisions were made in November 2005, well before the Village approached us about a new library. Since any new construction is several years in the future, the Library Board opted to address current needs.

New building discussions are ongoing. We continue to work with the Village to plan for a new building. The Mayor's column in the recent *Morton Grove Exchange* described the value of a new library to the whole community. It is a pleasure to be part of a community where support from residents and officials for the Library is very strong. I trust you are sharing your positive feelings about the Library with your neighbors and elected representatives.

New staff member reaches out to community. In maintaining efforts to make Library services more available, we have hired a new Readers Advisory librarian, **Karen Hansen.** Karen has been a part-time reference librarian for just under a year. In her new role, she helps patrons select new reading materials and guides book discussion groups. In addition, she is available to work with community groups. We've been very successful with reaching out to the teen and elementary school populations and Karen will do the same with adults.

Board has Trustee Opening. Currently, there is an opening on the Library Board for a Trustee. If you are interested in being part of this exciting organization, please contact me and I will be happy to pass your name and contact information along to the Board President.

Books and Beyond is published five times a year by the Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053-2989. It is sent free of charge to all Morton Grove residents. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, but don't live in Morton Grove, leave your name and address at the Reference Services Desk or call 847-965-4220.

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Library Board of Trustees
The Board meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm, in the Library's Board Room.

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Photo Policy
The Morton Grove Public Library reserves the right to photograph program participants. Please be aware that such photos are for Library use and may be published in Library publicity materials and newspapers. If you do not wish to be photographed, please notify staff.

Special Assistance
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Morton Grove Public Library promotes accessibility to Library services. Persons with disabilities who request assistance to participate in Library programs can make arrangements for special equipment or a sign language interpreter ten working days prior to the program by calling 847-965-4220, TDD 847-965-4236.

Unattended Children Policy
MGPL is a public building; any public building may be potentially dangerous for a child who is left unattended. In order to ensure the safety of all of MGPL's patrons, children under the age of 8 must be accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible caregiver (high school age or older) while in the Library.

Changes and Cancellations
Classes, programs, and films are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call the Library at 847-929-5101 to confirm scheduled events.

New Databases:

Three new databases have been added to MGPL's collection: State Geography, World Geography, and American Government. Go to: databases.webrary.org and click on your choice of encyclopedias.

Homebound Services:

MGPL provides free homebound services for residents of Morton Grove who cannot come to the Library because of illness or a physical disability. Call Nancy Brothers at 847-929-5122.

Book Sale:

Donated and used books are for sale at the Library, near the Checkout Desk. Prices start at ten cents.

Exhibits

Baxter Room

November: Original Fabric Art by Sara Drower

December: Paintings by Goldie Berman

HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9-9
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5
Sunday 1-5, September through May

Hot New Reads

A warm welcome to Karen Hansen, MGPL's new Readers Advisory Librarian. Karen recommends these new books for cold winter months: *Always Say Goodbye: A Lew Fonesca Mystery* by Stuart Kaminsky; *The Boleyn Inheritance* by Philippa Gregory, *The Green Trap* by Ben Bova, *A Great Bowl of Soup: 250 Recipes to Prepare, Savor, & Share* by Christine Byrnes, and *Handknit Holidays: Knitting Year-Round for Christmas, Hannukah, and Winter Solstice* by Melanie Falick.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Thursday, November 23: Thanksgiving
Friday, December 1: Staff Inservice Day
Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25: Christmas Day
Monday, January 1: New Year's Day

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